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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, the answer to my question is, no. If we are going to tell the truth the only reason this bill is here is to help investors, producers and purveyors of ethanol. That's why this bill is here. If they're so concerned about the environment why do we have so many pesticides and fertilizers still being applied and used? Why does Senator Schrock have to find some kind of way to get money to clean up the water that is bothered by pesticides and fertilizer? You know why we're not going to do anything about fertilizer and pesticides? Because the same farmers are using the pesticides and fertilizers who want to get us to compel people to use ethanol. It's a one-way street going in the same direction to benefit the same sector. All this talk about the environment and clean burning, those things mean nothing. They are the little shams to make the shell game work, but they don't work on me because I see through it all. I know who I'm dealing with; I know what I'm dealing with and I want the record to be as clear as I can make it as to whom we are dealing with and what we are dealing with. I'm going to say again how this bill works. Let's say, without using 87, 85, 89 or any number like that, let me make it as simple as I can so that we see the principle. Regular gasoline will be given the number two to designate regular. Ethanol blend is given the number three. Premium is anything above three, from three to a million. The only concern here is with two and three. What this bill says is that you cannot sell at a pump any gasoline which has the number two. You must begin your counting at the number three so anything less than three is off the table, out of the pump, cannot be sold in Nebraska. Now, to get away from the numbers, ethanol being three is the lowest grade that can be sold. So any grade below that can no longer be sold. The only grade below that is regular. This bill is designed to get regular gasoline out of the pumps. That has got to happen because, whenever you mix ethanol to this lower grade of gasoline that I call regular, it's going to raise the octane. Once you raise the octane by putting ethanol in it, regular can no longer be sold because regular is a lower grade than the mixture or the blend that has ethanol. This bill is designed to prohibit the availability of regular gasoline. If the availability is erased, if regular gasoline cannot be sold, then the public is being dictated to in terms of what they must burn